

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the title at page 1 with the following amended title:

--~~Mammalian Cytokines~~ Binding Compounds to IL-B50; Related Reagents and Methods--

Please replace the abstract at page 75 with the following amended abstract:

--Purified genes encoding ~~cytokines~~ IL-B50 from a mammal, reagents related thereto including purified proteins, specific antibodies, and nucleic acids encoding this molecule are provided. Methods of using said reagents and diagnostic kits are also provided.--